1	2	3
		18. Danichapori
		19. Harkpathar
		20. Dighali-Debera
		21. Kharkati
		22. Rangalipathar
		23. Gellapukhuri
		24. Dilaji
		25. Burhachaporigaon
		26. Kachadhara-Nakhandra
2.	1994-95	: Nil
3.	1995-96	: Nil

Consumer Complaints and Redressal System

2388. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the representatives of the consumer organisations at their meeting with him had stressed the need to strengthen the consumer complaint and redressal system especially at the State level; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploration of Granite

2389. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have undertaken any investigation into the granite wealth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for exploration of granite as export product?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). Granite being a minor mineral, the concerned State Governments are responsible for the exploitation of reserves besides, exploration activity. However, in view of the importance assured by this mineral, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has take up intensive resource survey of about 39,065 Sq.km. area of Granite deposits in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal since 1994. The detailed coverage in different states is as per *statement* enclosed.

(c) Govt. of India has constituted a body named 'Granite Development Council' which includes members from Central Govt. and its Organisations, State Governments, Industry associations as private entrepreneurs to address the issues relating to development of Granite industry.

STATEMENT

Geological Survey of India has taken up Intensive Resource Survey of Granite in the Country since 1994 as under :-

	Name of State	Area covered in Sq.Km.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12,000
2.	Assam	80
3.	Bihar	645
4.	Gujarat	750
5.	Haryana	105
6.	Karnataka	3,950
7.	Kerala	1,000
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1,350
9.	Maharashtra	1,950
10.	Meghalaya	205
11.	Orissa	1,200
12.	Rajasthan	11,000
13.	Tamil Nadu	2,050
14.	Uttar Pradesh	1,700
15.	West Bengal	1,080
	Total	39,065

Sugar Stock

2390. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge quantity of sugar exists surplus in the country at present;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity thereof;

(c) the quantity of sugar released for free sale recently, State/Union Terrtory-wise; and

(d) the Government's present thinking about the export of this commodity?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). The estimated stock of sugar with the factories as on 30.6.1996 was 113.20 lakh tonnes.

(c) A Statement giving Statewise release of freesale sugar for the month of August, 1996 is enclosed.